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## THE LABOR QUESTION.

We fully agree with the official journal when it croaks against the indiscriminate introduction of Asiatics for the sugar plantations and warns the absentee landlords of the "breakers ahead."

The trouble is that our millionaire sugar barons don't give a snap whether the ship of Hawaii floats or goes under. They have made their "pile" and after them the deluge.

Our virtuous, although not over-wise, government, has held several meetings at which the labor question has been seriously discussed. The self-appointed Solons have even called in the planters and asked for instructions in regard to further immigration. Men familiar with existing conditions in Hawaii and in countries from which laborers were to be drawn have never been consulted. Why should they be as long as Alexander and Baldwin are here?

The outlook is not very pleasant, however, in spite of those stock-broking pillars of the church. Through the effort of Mr. Damon the Government put a break on the proposed indiscriminate importation of Japanese coolies by insisting on no plantation employing Japanese to a number in excess of other nationalities.

The intention is of course to force the planters to employ white laborers and Mr. Damon believes that they can be obtained if well paid and decently treated.

Mr. Damon is one of the kindest and most conservative employers of laborers, and yet we are told that a number of his recently imported Italian laborers tried to "clear out" in the Australia yesterday and that Mr. Damon had to use the existing laws and the police to stop the men who are under contract to him.

If we are correctly informed Mr. Damon has not a cent in sugar stocks and the Italians imported by him are simply working on his estate at Moanalua. And yet we are told that they wish to quit and leave the Islands.

We daily see a large number of Galicians in the chain gang working at the quarries and on the roads. They are white men; they are the class that our philanthropist of the official organ wants to make the sinew and bone of these islands as "small (d—small) farmers," and yet they prefer to remain under the tender care of Mr. Dole's jailor to returning to slavery on a plantation.

Don't let us fool ourselves by believing that an unlimited amount of Japanese will be shipped to Hawaii as contract laborers simply because the Dole quintette say so. There are men who have the confidence of the present Japanese regime who keep them posted on our conditions and who are disclosing to the pro-

per authorities the intrigues among the local Japanese immigration companies. Even the bribes of our millionaire planters may not prove sufficient to blind the eyes of the Mikado's Government, and whether it be "liberal" or "conservative" no laborer from the Isles of the Chrysanthemum will be permitted to come to Hawaii without a castiron agreement with the authorities at Washington that any Japanese going to Hawaii, or any part of the United States, will receive the same privileges and the same treatment as allotted to any foreigner sojourning in America.

## FULL OF FUN.

A Most Laughable Trip to China town.

The Opera House put out the sign of "standing room" only last evening when the Hoyt-McKee Company made their first bow to a Honolulu audience.

The ladies and gentlemen who compose the company are simply great. Each one of them can boast of a fine cultivated voice. Each one of them is full of fun and all are trained for the stage.

Manager Cooke was happy not alone because he had a full house but because the "Trip to Chinatown" was given without a single hitch and enthusiastically appreciated by the audience.

The plot is of course only a frame for the specialties of the members of the company but it is built in such a manner that everybody is interested and that there is great curiosity exhibited by the audience in regard to the fate of the "sick man" with the thermometer, the pretty widow, the gay boys, the cocktail-swilling "uncle" and the hosiery of pretty Emma Siege.

The dancing of the McCoy sisters would make even Dr. Bishop applaud and the girls could easily gain a letter of introduction for him to the Manager of the Rain Bow brigade.

The company will meet with a great success here and it will be well deserved. It is a pity that only a brief stay can be made.

Rush for tickets for a Rag Baby which is slated for to-morrow evening.

## Queen Victoria's Courtesy.

The attention of the Queen having been called to an entertainment which was being organized at Portsmouth for the benefit of Mrs. John Billington, upon her final retirement from the stage, a letter has been received from Sir Arthur Bigge, in which he says: "The Queen well remembers you and your husband on the stage in days gone by. Her Majesty regrets to hear of your long and serious illness. It would, I am sorry to say, be difficult, having due regard to precedent, for the Queen's patronage to be officially granted to your benefit. But Her Majesty has much pleasure in consenting to take a certain number of tickets for the performance, and you are at liberty to make this fact known should you wish to do so."—The Standard.

## Too Good a Balancer.

"Why don't you marry him?" they asked of the beautiful girl.

"I do not love him," she replied.

"Tut, tut," they said. "Don't be old-fashioned. He is worth a million and is already on the brink of the grave."

"On the brink, yes," she answered bitterly, "but I am told that he has had experience as an equilibrist. Who knows how long he may be able to stay there?"—Pittsburg Chronicle.

## A Novel Excuse.

A dairymaid, who was fined at West Ham for selling milk from which one-fifth of the original cream had been abstracted, told the magistrate that the farmer who supplied him with the milk had told him that the deficiency was due to the hounds having been hunting the cow!

Table Linen and Napkins, 25 percent reduction at L. B. Kerr's, for one week only.

## Death of An Alii.

Auheka Kekauluohi died yesterday afternoon at her residence on Punch-bowl street opposite the Kawaiahao Church. The deceased was about 60 years of age and was a cousin to King Lunalilo, whose mother was a sister to the mother of the deceased chiefess. Auheka was an intimate friend of the late Queen Emma and was very generous to the Hawaiians. She was not possessed of great wealth at the time of her death but no Hawaiian ever knocked at her door for help without meeting with a generous response. The funeral will take place at 4 p. m. to-day from the late residence of the deceased.

## Movement of Steamers.

Steamers due and to sail to-day and for the next six days are as follows:

Steamers	From	Due
Lehua—Molokai & Lanai	May 19	
Upolu—Kohala	May 20	
Kinau—Hawaii & Maui	May 20	
Claudine—Maui	May 21	

Steamers	For	Sails
Claudine—Maui	May 16	
Kinau—Hawaii and Maui	May 16	
W. G. Hall—Hawaii & Maui	May 19	
Upolu—Kohala	May 23	

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## QUEEN VICTORIA'S BIRTHDAY.



## GRAND BALL

At the N. G. H. Armory on WEDNESDAY EVENING next, May 24, 1899.

Net proceeds for the benefit of the BRITISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Single tickets, \$1.50; Double (Lady and Gentleman), \$2.00, may be obtained from the Committee, or at the stores.  
1203 71.

A sale that will eclipse all others will be commenced at L. B. Kerr's to-morrow, Saturday morning, and continued for one week only. Greater bargains than ever will be offered, the goods are all new and stylish and will meet with a ready sale at the prices asked. Ladies would do well to call early and have first choice.

## HAWAIIAN OPERA HOUSE

### A Society Event

## HOYT

— AND —

## McKEE'S

New York Madison Square Theater Co.

Headed by

MR. HARRY CONOR,

WILL PRESENT ON

THURSDAY, May 18—"A RAG BABY."  
SATURDAY MATINEE, May 20—"A RAG BABY."  
SATURDAY NIGHT, May 20—"A TRIP TO CHINATOWN."  
MONDAY, May 22—"A STRANGER IN NEW YORK."  
TUESDAY, May 23—To be decided later. Sailing May 24 on the Moana for Australia.

This organization numbers nineteen persons and is positively the most expensive and talented that has ever come to Honolulu.  
Seat sale a. Wall, Nichols Co. Saturday night. 1199 10.

## \$100 REWARD.

WHEREAS, ON SUNDAY NIGHT, May 7, 1899, on the Waikiki Road, near Wright's Villa, Antone Raline, tram car driver, whilst driving a tram car belonging to the Hawaiian Tramways Co., was violently assaulted and grievously injured by some person or persons unknown; now, therefore, the above reward will be paid by the undersigned to any person or persons who will give such evidence or information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons concerned in the matter. Information may be given to the Marshal or to W. H. Pain, manager of The Hawaiian Tramways Co. 1197-1w

## Timely Topics.

Honolulu, April 12, 1899.

Mayhap you think we will wait until the hot weather arrives to remind you of Alaskan matters. Not so, for you must keep cool and well preserved and nourished in these stirring times if you are anxious to follow the rising fortunes of Kihei and Niuli. We have the

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for your purpose. We have proved that there is a bonanza in it. It is the

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## REFRIGERATOR.

It invariably pays a large bonus in mental satisfaction and inward rejoicing. It never fails to please. People are changing their investments in other refrigerators to take the

## ALASKA.

We have a sufficient supply to fill all demands from the small ice chest for the country house, or the bachelor, to the largest and most costly made. They cannot be beat and are the general favorites. We also have

## THE GOTHAM COOLER

in every convenient size, and if you want ice cream freezers we can accommodate you. Please call and inspect our goods

The Hawaiian Hardware Co., Ltd.  
268 FORT STREET.

# A Sale That Will Eclipse All Others!!

Will be commenced to-morrow morning and continued for ONE WEEK ONLY.

# Table Linen, Napkins, Sheetings, Pillow Casings

Our stock of SHIRT WAISTS must be closed out, and to do this they will be reduced to half the present prices.

UMBRELLAS and PARASOLS are also included in this reduction as are our entire line of SILKS, these goods are all choice and carefully selected stocks, thus assuring Bargains.

Come Early as There Will Be No RESERVE.

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